
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

(Pursuant to CEQA Section 21092 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15072)

**LEHIGH SOUTHWEST CEMENT COMPANY
CALAVERAS CEMENT CKD-3 CLOSURE PROJECT**

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Section 15000 et seq., Title 14, California Code of Regulations) for the Lehigh Southwest Cement Company (Lehigh) Calaveras Cement CKD-3 Closure Project (project or proposed project). Lehigh is the project proponent. The project involves: consolidating cement kiln dust (CKD) material at the CKD-3 site under a low-permeability cover, installing a leachate collection and removal system to control subsurface drainage, installing surface water drainage controls, and closing the CKD-3 site in compliance with Central Valley RWQCB Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) Order No. R5-2017-0077-01 and Title 27 Requirements.

The Central Valley RWQCB is the lead agency for the project, under CEQA, and has directed the preparation of an Initial Study (IS) on the proposed project in accordance with CEQA requirements and the State CEQA Guidelines. IS describes the proposed project and assesses the proposed project's potentially significant adverse impacts on the physical environment. It concludes that the proposed project's potentially significant or significant adverse effects on the environment can be mitigated to less-than-significant levels; therefore, a proposed MND has been prepared. The CKD-3 site is not present on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

Agencies and members of the public are invited to provide written comments on the IS/MND. **The comment period is from January 20, 2020 to February 18, 2020.** The IS/MND can be reviewed at the Central Valley RWQCB's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 or on the [Central Valley RWQCB's web site](#) at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/public_notices/#Mining.

Attachments A-C can be reviewed at our office or at the [Geotracker case file](#) at:

https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report?global_id=L10004021502 under the "Site Maps / Documents" tab.

Comments can be sent to Natasha Vidic at the address above or by email at Natasha.Vidic@waterboards.ca.gov. All comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on February 18, 2020. For e-mailed comments, please include the project title in the subject line, attach comments in MS Word format, and include the commenter's name and U.S. Postal Service mailing address.